



# FREEDOM Watch



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## News briefs

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### SOF discover 4 caches in 4 days

**BAGRAM AIRBASE-** Afghanistan-U.S. Special Operations Forces operating near Shkin and Orgun-E recovered four separate weapons caches over the last four days. Three caches were discovered near the Afghan city of Shkin. The first was discovered Aug. 16 and consisted of 26 BM-12 rockets and eight igniters. A second cache was found Aug. 17 with the assistance of Afghan militia forces and completely filled one civilian cargo truck and two pick-up trucks. It consisted of RPGs, AT-mines, a 12.7 mm machine gun, and assorted munitions. The third was discovered Saturday morning and consisted of 800 rounds of 14.5 mm heavy machine gun ammunition, two anti-tank mines, five signal flares and a sighting system for an anti-aircraft weapon. The fourth cache was discovered on Sunday in Mangara near Orgun-E. U.S. SOF and Afghan militia forces uncovered 10 107mm rockets, 12 RPG rounds, three Russian-made field telephones with field telephone switchboard.

## Use caution when buying antique firearms

By Capt. John Kiel  
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We are all familiar with the dreaded restriction of alcohol outlined in General Order 1A, but not everyone is aware that General Order 1A also forbids the possession of war trophies.

U.S. Customs and the Bureau of Alcohol, To-

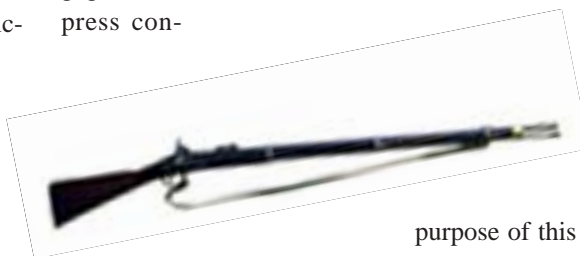
bacco and Firearms have been intercepting firearms shipped back to the states in personal baggage and Container Express con-

limitation that permits the purchase and shipment of certain antique firearms. The

get it shipped home successfully.

18 U.S.C. 921(a)(16), defines the term "antique firearm" as:

Any firearm (including any firearm with a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap or similar type of ignition system) manufactured in or before 1898; or



tainers.

U.S. Central Command issued a partial waiver to the war trophy

purpose of this article is to help clarify what an antique firearm is and to provide a few suggestions on how to

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Photo by Spc. Ann Marie Schult, 18th Airborne Corps

### ***SMA visits troops***

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley talked with troops at the Bagram Air Base Area yesterday about pay raises and educational benefits. Tilley said he supports them for all they are doing here. After his speech, Tilley took soldiers' questions and comments in preparation for his upcoming testimony if front of Congress, which is how he represents the enlisted soldier. While in theater, he will visit Khandahar Air Field and Karshi-Khanabad.

## CJCMOTF helps 'Impact' a nation

By Sgt. Robb Huhn  
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**KABUL**, Afghanistan – Damage caused by the Taliban's reign can be seen on almost every street corner; on the face of every man, woman and child, on nearly every building in Afghanistan, and even on the streets themselves.

The Coalition Joint Civil-Military Operations Task Force is fixing some of that damage by repair-

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❖ Any replica of any firearm described in paragraph above if such replica:

a. Is not designed or redesigned for using rimfire or conventional centerfire ammunition, or

b. Uses rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition which is no longer manufactured in the United States and which is not readily available in the ordinary channels of commercial trade; or

❖ Any muzzle loading rifle, muzzle loading shotgun, or muzzle loading pistol, which is designed to use black powder, or a black powder substitute, and which cannot use fixed ammunition.

For purposes of this subparagraph, the term antique firearm shall not include any weapon which incorporates a firearm frame or receiver, any firearm which is converted into a muzzle loading weapon, or any muzzle loading weapon which can be readily converted to fire fixed ammunition by replacing the barrel, bolt, breechlock, or any combination thereof.

Do a little research before you buy what you think is an antique firearm. You have the burden of proving that your firearm meets the requirements set forth under the waiver. There are a few things that you can do to satisfy this burden:

❖ Have someone who is familiar with antique firearms accompany you during your shopping spree.

❖ Type out a statement swearing that your weapon meets the criteria set forth in the waiver and have it notarized by a Legal Assistance Attorney.

❖ Meet with your Base PMO Customs Agent to have them look at your souvenir and determine whether it satisfies the waiver requirements.

If you follow these simple steps, you will help avoid the pain and embarrassment that is certain to follow if you ship something that actually turns out to be a war trophy. Be safe and be smart.

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ing roads, hospitals and research facilities all over Afghanistan.

The CJCMOTF identifies, coordinates and conducts quick-fix humanitarian projects throughout the country that are not being accomplished by the greater humanitarian assistance community. The Task Force is careful to coordinate its efforts with Afghan agencies and the International Organization/Non-governmental Organization community.

“We seek out the projects that will have the greatest impact on the Afghan people, such as the National Impact Projects,” said Army Maj. Jeff Coggin, chief of the Task Force’s Public Health Department.

Once a National Impact Project is identified, CJCMOTF establishes that the project meets certain criteria. First, the project must comply with Overseas Humanitarian Disaster Civic Aid guidelines. Also, CJCMOTF ensures that the project supports the Afghan Transitional Authority (the government that was recently elected in a month long Loya Jirga, or Grand Council of Afghan representatives). Lastly, CJCMOTF coordinates its efforts with the various ministries to ensure that the project is “good for them and good for Afghanistan,” says Coggin, a native of Knoxville, Tenn. One of the most important parts of the Task Force’s mission is to support the transitional government and the choices they make for the rebuilding of Afghanistan.

After the approval process is complete, a project is offered to local contractors for bidding. When a bid is accepted, laborers immediately begin working to complete a

project that will affect the quality of life for many Afghans. The projects are accomplished with Afghan labor and materials to maximize the benefit to the local economy.

“The Afghan workers take a great deal of pride in their work. They realize that what they’re doing is for everyone,” remarked Coggin.

During the construction phase, coalition engineers, public health professionals, and the local contractors periodically meet to ensure that the projects are being completed to an exacting standard and to answer any questions since their last meeting.

“We’re all part of a team,” said Coggin.

“Everyone involved has a vital role. If one link in the chain fails, then the project fails,” added 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Timmy King, a CJCMOTF engineer from the 37<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, Fort Bragg, N.C.

All of the National Impact Projects are located in Kabul. They range from a power and water complex decimated by decades of war, to pharmaceutical companies that provide medication to the multitudes of the sick and injured.

Coggin said he feels that Kabul is the “hub” of Afghanistan.

“Whatever we do here will affect the rest of the country,” he said. “A good example of that would be the Teachers College. If fixing a school for children helps one community, then fixing a school that instructs teachers will help an entire nation.”

There are 10 National Impact Projects in progress throughout Kabul, including the Teachers Training College, the Artificial Insemination Farm, and the restoration of the Kabul Dental Hospital. Several additional projects are in various stages of approval. Currently, \$1.9 million has been allocated for Afghanistan’s National Impact Projects.

## ***Mailrooms post new hours***

In an effort to get the mail into theater faster, a private organization was hired to fly the mail into and out of Bagram Air Base and Khandahar Air Field. With this new service, mail is guaranteed to be flown in five days a week.

The contract also states that the carrier will fly the mail out of country.

Since the contractor will only be here five days a week, customer service hours for outgoing mail will reflect this change. Mailroom operations will remain open seven days a week at both locations for incoming mail.

- ❖ Bagram - 0430(Z) -1130(Z) Wednesday - Sunday
- ❖ Khandahar - 0500-1700(Z) Wednesday - Sunday

## ***Where were you on Sept. 11, 2001?***

The Coalition Press Information Center/Combined Joint Task Force -180 Public Affairs is looking for service members willing to share their unique Sept. 11 story with the news media.

The CPIC will be scheduling 'live' TV interviews between service members and international news agencies at Bagram Air Base in preparation for Sept. 11 television news coverage.

If you have a unique story to share and you are interested in being interviewed, contact the CPIC at DSN 303-640-1230 or e-mail [bagramcpicpao@hotmail.com](mailto:bagramcpicpao@hotmail.com)

## **Local weather**

### **TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:**

	<b><i>Today</i></b>	<b><i>Thursday</i></b>
<b><u>Bagram:</u></b>	<i>Dusty/Windy</i> H: 95F L: 61F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 95F L: 63F
<b><u>Khandahar:</u></b>	<i>Dusty</i> H: 108F L: 68F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 106F L: 68F
<b><u>Kabul:</u></b>	<i>Dusty</i> H: 91F L: 63F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 93F L: 61F
<b><u>Uzbekistan:</u></b>	<i>Clear</i> H: 98F L: 66F	<i>Clear</i> H: 96F L: 63F

*Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team*

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# COALITION SPORTSZONE

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## Ismail to miss season with neck injury; Bryant expected to take starting role

**SAN ANTONIO** — Dallas Cowboys receiver Raghbi Ismail will undergo neck surgery Wednesday to repair damage from a collision with a teammate last week in practice.

Although he's likely to be out for the season, doctors said he should be able to continue his career.

Cowboys' owner Jerry Jones said Tuesday he wasn't planning on immediately putting Ismail on injured reserve, which would end his season, because he hadn't yet talked to the receiver. But Jones made it clear "we're not planning on him playing this year."

## Fehr blasts latest proposal

With less than 10 days before the players are scheduled to strike, Major League Baseball and the Players Association met again Tuesday, with the principal topic of discussion being the core economic issues of the luxury tax and revenue sharing.

Management's labor lawyer Rob Manfred would not cite specifics of what was accomplished Tuesday, but he did say in a conference call that the owners have made the last proposal.

"Our purpose in terms of the revenue sharing and the tax is to take money, redistribute it among the clubs, and place some sort of a speed bump on the very highest payroll clubs," Manfred said. "But we think that whatever mitigation happens at the top end will be more than made up for by additional spending by the revenue sharing recipients in an effort to raise their payrolls and be more competitive. At the end of the day, our biggest concern with respect to the proposals that we had on the table is that we will actually spend more than less."

Although Players Association officials declined to talk about Manfred's comments, the union has in the past maintained that restricting the highest spending teams will likely result in a salary decrease and cause a drag on spending.

Baseball players received a memo Aug. 17 in which union head Donald Fehr said that baseball owners were attempting "a wholesale attack on the salary structure."

## Labor Day Run

*The Army Space Command is hosting a 5.9-mile Labor Day Run, Sept. 2 at 0100 (Z), with showtime at 1230 (Z). Entry fee for the race is \$10, which includes a T-shirt. T-shirts are available to the first 275 participants. Those interested can register on the first floor of Motel 6, located in Dragon City at Bagram Air Base.*

*For more information, call Sgt. Sean McGraine at 303-587-5663.*

## 2002 Major League standings

American League East				GB
N.Y. Yankees	78-45	.634	-	
Boston	70-53	.569	8	
Baltimore	60-63	.488	18	
American League Central				GB
Minnesota	75-52	.591	-	
Chicago (AL)	58-68	.460	16.5	
Cleveland	54-70	.435	19.5	
American League West				GB
Anaheim	74-50	.597	.-	
Oakland	75-51	.595	-	
Seattle	75-51	.595	-	
National League East				GB
Atlanta	80-43	.650	-	
Montreal	62-63	.496	19	
Florida	60-64	.484	20.5	
National League Central				GB
St. Louis	69-54	.561	-	
Houston	65-60	.520	5	
Cincinnati	63-60	.512	6	
National League West				GB
Arizona	78-46	.629	-	
Los Angeles	71-53	.573	7	
San Francisco	67-56	.545	10.5	

## Tuesday's scores

Baltimore 4-1 Tampa Bay  
Oakland 6-3 Cleveland  
Colorado 8-6 Montreal  
Detroit 6-3 Seattle  
Florida 6-1 Los Angeles  
Kansas City 6-5 Toronto  
San Diego 6-2 Atlanta  
Minnesota 5-0 Chi Sox  
St. Louis 7-2 Pittsburgh  
Milwaukee 2-1 Philadelphia  
Texas 3-2 Boston  
Chicago 14-12 Houston  
Pittsburgh 8-0 St. Louis  
N.Y. Yankees 7-5 Anaheim  
Arizona 5-3 Cincinnati

## Wild Card Races

NL	AL
1. Los Angeles .573	1. Oakland .595
2. San Francisco .545	1. Seattle .595
3. Houston .520	3. Boston .569
4. Cincinnati .512	4. Baltimore .488
5. Montreal .496	5. Chicago .460